MARCH 27ᵗʰ

On this day in...

2020: Thunderstorms were observed in the coast and valleys, with small hail and lightning, particularly in the San Diego metro area. Lightning struck a house in Spring Valley, setting it on fire and injuring two.

2015: The high temperature in San Diego reached 82°, the seventh day during this month of March that the temperature met or exceeded 80°. This broke the previous March record of five days for that to occur. The average high in March is 65.6°.

2007: A microbust hit the Fullerton Airport. Top recorded winds were only 30 mph, but spotters estimated winds of at least 45 mph. An aviation building lost its roof. Another thunderstorm wind knocked down a large Eucalyptus tree onto three cars in Encinitas, causing two injuries. A funnel cloud was spotted off the La Jolla coast.

1993: Funnel clouds were observed starting on 3/26 and ending on 3/28. Two were seen near Temecula and one was observed in Moreno Valley.

1991: A strong winter storm produced heavy snow, dropping 36 inches at Lake Arrowhead, 27 inches at Big Bear Lake (the greatest daily amount on record for March) and 18.5 inches at Idyllwild. An avalanche of snow isolated 100 people in Big Bear Lake by blocking Highway 18. Tornadoes hit Huntington Beach and rural San Marcos. The tornado in Huntington Beach cut a five-mile swath and blew off

A tornado struck Huntington Beach on this day in 1991, causing this damage.

roofs of six homes. Dozens of other homes were damaged and 50 mobile homes were severely damaged. In 24 hours, 1.80 inches of rain fell in Escondido, 1.71 inches in Poway, 1.56 inches in Fallbrook, 1.55 inches in La Mesa, 1.52 inches in Ramona, 1.48 inches in El Cajon, and 1.09 inches in San Diego. Golf courses and shopping centers were flooded by the San Diego River in Mission Valley. Flooding damaged Highway 78 east of the San Diego Wild Animal Park.

1988: Santa Ana weather brought 90-degree temperatures all over the region starting 3/25 and ending on this day. It was 102° in Santee on 3/25, 97° throughout the San Diego Valleys on all three days, and 90° in San Diego on 3/26. Several brush fires resulted. It was 101° in Borrego Springs, the highest temperature on record for March. This also occurred on 3/31/1989. This is also the earliest date in the season that the temperature hit the century mark.